

## HOLE IN THE POLICE FUNDS.

### VARIOUS CREDITORS MAY HAVE TO LOOK TO MADDOO.

Bingham Finds No Money to Meet Charges of \$80,887.39 Against the Contingent Fund.—Informed That Ex-Secretary Howell Owes \$1,400 to the Same Fund.

Police Commissioner Bingham sent yesterday to the Mayor a formal letter calling his attention to the fact that there was a deficiency in the fund for contingent expenses of the Police Department for 1905, the last year of the McAdoo administration, of \$80,887.39, and that there is no money to pay it. He also said that the records show that William Howell, who was Commissioner McAdoo's secretary, owed the fund \$1,400.00 for money expended in Howell's name in 1904. Gen. Bingham also declared that the expenses of the vice squad in 1905 were \$9,640.20 and that the expenses for meals for secretaries and clerks in the same year were \$665, both of which items were paid before Mr. McAdoo left office on January 1.

With his letter the Commissioner sent two quotations from the city charter bearing on the subject. Section 267, which says that the Police Commissioner may draw on the "contingent fund, in advance of vouchers, for not more than \$10,000 at one time of moneys appropriated to the department for contingent expenses and shall give a bond in \$10,000 to see that the money advanced is lawfully expended."

The second quotation from the charter was Section 1542, which declares that expenditures of city money "shall not in any year exceed the amount appropriated and that if such a thing happens no charge, claim or liability shall exist or arise against said city."

Here is the Police Commissioner's letter to the Mayor:

Sir: I have the honor to call your attention to the fact that there is a deficiency in funds for contingent expenses, Police Department, for 1905 amounting to \$80,887.39.

When I took charge of this office I asked for an examination of the accounts and funds of the Police Department by the Commissioners of Accounts. They made a report, dated March 3, 1906, from which the following paragraph is taken:

"The unexpended balance of the 1905 contingent account on January 1, 1906, was \$1,678.41. Liabilities were contracted in 1905 amounting to \$1,690.41, and the balance which they could be charged only to the contingent account, which remain unpaid. To enable the Commissioner to discharge these liabilities will require an addition to the 1906 contingency appropriation of \$9,211.99."

Since the foregoing report was written bills have been rendered chargeable against the contingent fund, Police Department, for the year 1905, bringing the amount of liabilities, as reported by the said Commissioners of Accounts, from \$9,211.99 up to \$10,071.98, to pay which there is a cash balance on hand of only \$184.58, showing a deficit, as stated above, of \$9,887.39.

The appropriation for the year 1905 having been exhausted, there is no money to pay these bills.

The expenses of the vice squad for 1905 were \$9,640.20. Meals were furnished to secretaries and clerks amounting to \$665. Both of these items, however, were paid before I took office.

I am also informed that there is still owing to the contingent fund, Police Department, for the year 1904, from William Howell, the sum of \$1,400.00.

Hereto are appended certain sections of the Charter which bear on the above. Respectfully,  
THEODORE A. BINGHAM,  
Police Commissioner.

The purpose of quoting the charter in reference to the non-liability of the city was evidently to show that those who have unpaid claims against the city for these contingent expenses will have to look either to ex-Commissioner McAdoo or his bondsmen for payment. The mention of the alleged indebtedness of ex-Secretary Howell to the contingent fund was to show that the department had no vouchers to prove that the money was expended. No mention of the large sum paid for meals for secretaries and clerks was to call attention to the lax methods of spending public money under the McAdoo régime.

When Police Commissioner Bingham began to get his bearings in his new job he soon came against the contingent fund, about \$17,000 a year is expended, largely for secret purposes, from this fund. He and the Commissioners of Accounts made an investigation, which is now yet finished. The expenses of certain kinds of detective work, of which the public hears little, come from this fund. All sorts of other things are charged up to it when there is no other convenient place to put them. The Police Commissioner gives an order on the fund and the voucher is filed to show how the money has been expended.

For many years there has been a lot of loose bookkeeping in reference to this fund. The vouchers have been vague. A detective could say that he had spent a certain amount of money and an order would be drawn to pay it. Commissioner Bingham soon found that one of the hardest problems he would have in the department would be to secure the honest expenditure of money from this fund. He set about making reforms. One of the first moves was to abolish the office of auditor of the department, held for many years by Jeremiah Bacon. Mr. Bacon remains on the civil service list but is out of a police job. Commissioner Bingham put Charles Gitt in as bookkeeper and gave him one assistant. Mr. Bacon has five assistants. Then the Commissioner began to draw the line on what should be spent for contingent purposes and also to require prompt reports of moneys spent so that in the monthly accounts there should be no excess of expenditures. No more meals are charged up to the city by secretaries and clerks.

Ex-Police Commissioner McAdoo was out of town yesterday, so that no comment could be secured from him as to the charges Commissioner Bingham made. Mr. Howell, however, was at home. He denied with some warmth that he owed the city \$1,400. He said that he was simply the agent for the expenditure of that money, that it was used for secret purposes under a special agreement between Mr. McAdoo and Comptroller Grout; that the checks were drawn in favor of Howell so as to conceal the real person to whom the money was paid, and that in the private safe of the Comptroller's office would be found the documents that related to its expenditure. Mr. Howell said:

"I never spent one cent of that money personally. It was drawn in my name to hide the identity of the other person. I simply landed it over to that person. Mr. Grout and Mr. McAdoo had an understanding about it that none but themselves should know how it was expended. The

private safe of the Comptroller will show probably where it went. In spending the contingent fund money we simply did what had been the custom in the office. We followed the rule under former Commissioners; that was all."

Mr. Howell's connection with the Police Department aroused much comment last fall. When Commissioner McAdoo was off on his vacation it was common gossip that Howell was running the department over the head of Deputy McAvoy. It was known; for example, that certain transfers were to be made even before Commissioner McAdoo had knowledge of them. A storm broke over Howell when Sergt. Eggers of the vice squad testified that Howell had ordered him not to make a raid on May Livingston's place at 154 West Fifty-fourth street, because Howell had a friend; a furniture man, who wanted to get his goods from the place first. Howell denied this, and asked for a public investigation. Commissioner McAdoo promised one and said that he had found Mr. Howell hitherto honest. Nothing came of the request for an investigation.

It was common gossip about Police Headquarters that Mr. Howell did not end his labors often before 6 P. M., and that, having remained overtime, he was enabled to go out to a neighboring hotel and charge up the cost of his dinner, and that of any possible guest, to the city.

The fact that the deficit in the contingent fund practically equals what was paid to the vice squad expenses, has called attention to the ways of that squad. Its members had practically carte blanche, and many are the stories of expensive dinners and certain hilarious occasions in which the members indulged on the pretext of hunting vice.

## BANK CLOSED; TWO ARRESTS.

His Promoters Accused of Using Its Money to Float Other Schemes.

WILKESBARRE, Pa., March 17.—F. M. Everett, president of the First National Bank of Freehold, and William Becker, a young attorney of Bloomsburg, who with Everett and a man named McKillip were the promoters of the bank, are in custody at Hazleton, charged with wrecking the bank, which this morning closed its doors.

Everett is charged with the embezzlement of a sum close to \$60,000, and Becker with conspiracy. Everett refuses to talk and is very despondent. Becker, however, says that the directors acted hastily in causing the arrests and that everything could have been straightened up at twenty-four hours notice.

The news that the bank was closed created a profound sensation when it became generally known this morning and scores of mine workers, most of them foreigners, who had savings deposited there quit work and rushed to the bank. An excited crowd hung around all day.

The directors, who are all men of substance about Freehold, say this morning that while it will take a thorough investigation to ascertain how much the bank has lost, the depositors will not lose. They estimated the loss from the examination which has been conducted so far at \$50,000.

In the pockets of Attorney Becker were found fifteen notes for \$5,000 each, drawn by the Pennsylvania Paper Mills of Catawissa on the First National Bank of Catawissa. Three blank notes, signed by the treasurer of the Pennsylvania Paper Mills, were also found in his pockets. It is in this institution that the directors of the Freehold bank believe that Everett and Becker have sunk the money that is missing.

Everett, Becker and McKillip induced a number of prominent business men to organize the bank with a capital stock of \$50,000 in 1901. Not the least suspicion that anything was wrong was entertained until Wednesday, when a bank examiner, although finding the books apparently straight, discovered that the outstanding accounts with other banks were unusually large.

This led to inquiries which, it is said, indicated that the statements of other banks did not agree with the Freehold bank regarding these accounts, and it was then discovered that about \$60,000 was missing.

## AGAINST PASTOR MANCHESTER.

Verdict That He Be Reprimanded by the Bishop.

NEW BRUNSWICK, N. J., March 17.—The jury in the trial of the Rev. L. O. Manchester of Shartown, a member of the Methodist conference here, found him guilty of ministerial misconduct, last night, but stated that all the charges had not been sustained by the evidence. It was also recommended that the Bishop remove him in executive session, which was done. The septuagenarian minister shook as if with palsy while Bishop Goodell, as kindly as he could, in the circumstances, administered the reprimand. Mr. Manchester served the First Church at West Long Branch. When transferred to Shartown he borrowed \$800 from a parishioner. This is still unpaid. The conference "passed his censure" and he was continued in the conference.

## ADMIRAL FOSTER'S ROMANCE.

Weds English Girl Who Visited His Ship at Gravesend Ten Years Ago.

LONDON, March 17.—Rear Admiral Joseph Foster, U. S. A., was married to-day at St. George's, Hanover square, to Josephine Hunt, a Gravesend schoolmistress.

Ten years ago Admiral Foster was paymaster on board an American warship that was anchored off Gravesend. Miss Hunt was among the visitors to the ship. Some years later Foster became a widower and, finding Miss Hunt's card among his papers, opened a correspondence with her, which resulted in to-day's wedding.

## MRS. FITZGERALD AGAIN SUES.

This Time Seeks Separation in Ireland.—Husband Files Counter Petition.

DUBLIN, March 17.—Cross petitions for a judicial separation have been filed by Gerald Purcell Fitzgerald and his wife, Lida, formerly Miss Nicolls, daughter of John Nicolls of Uniontown, Pa. Fitzgerald recently brought suit for divorce in England, but the court held that her husband's domicile is in Ireland, where he owns a large amount of property.

## Latest Marine Intelligence.

Arrived: St. Anthony, Colon, March 17.

Carolina Resorts, Palm Beach, Tampa, Seaboard Air Line, Shortland Line, West Atlantic Line, etc., etc.

## NOT DYNAMITE BUT JEWELRY.

### SVENSEN FOUND THE BOX LYING ON THE SNOW.

Sergt. Healy Rigged a Device With Nails, Tack and String and Capt. Murphy Pulled—No Explosion—Box Contained \$5,000 Worth of Watches, Rings, Etc.

Harry Svensen, a Swedish-American of Hoboken, who is living his sister, Mrs. A. Norwood of 530 Fifth street, Brooklyn, was standing at the northeast corner of Forty-eighth street and Third avenue, in that borough, at about 8:30 o'clock last night, looking at a throng of boys coasting on the Lucerne there and waiting for a car, when he saw a cigar box in the middle of the street. It was revealed plainly by the bright arc light on the corner. He picked it up and noticed that it had a sliding lid.

He wondered what was in it, but found that the sliding lid was hard to open. His imagination got to work soon and he stopped tugging at the lid. He remembered having seen accounts in the newspapers of infernal machines in cigar boxes with the same sort of lid, and he nervously set the box down and waited for a cop to come along. Policeman Edward J. Connelly blacked cop and he recalled the usual clock work accounts of them. He and Sergt. Healy had a consultation in which Svensen and the small boy took thinking parts.

The cigar box was borne into the back yard. The sergeant and the captain each held a corner. Svensen, the boy and the cop drew up in the rear, each shielding his face with crooked arm. The sergeant with a lead pencil carefully outlined the length and width of the box on a board placed in the rear of the yard. Outside the pencilled rectangle he drove four nails. He fitted the box between the nails, then he put a big tack in the sliding top of the box and attached a stout string to the tack. The little boy was much disappointed when he was forced to retire behind the back door of the station with the captain, the sergeant, the cop and Svensen.

The door was put on a crack and the captain pulled the string and waited for the explosion. The little boy put his fingers in his ears. The lid gave way and presently the captain was drawing it into the back door as he might haul in a weakfish off the Rorer.

It was considered a fine bit of strategy at this point to go out and take a look at the infernal machine. The captain laughed, the sergeant did likewise, the conservative cop smiled and the Swede looked as if he thought it might be his responsibility. The small boy looked cheerful.

The box was a tremendous surprise. It made the captain gasp. It was filled with watches, diamond rings and other jewelry. The captain took the box into the station, emptied it on the desk and made an inventory of its contents. Svensen seemed to think that he might be under suspicion, and offered to let the police search him. Capt. Murphy said it was unnecessary and also remarked that if there were no claim to the jewelry Svensen would be entitled to it. Svensen gave his address in Hoboken as 218 Park avenue and went home. The cigar box was marked "Havana seconds." The captain said he thought the jewelry was worth about \$5,000.

A man who gave the name of Charles Hammerman, and who said that he had moved last night into 4715 Third avenue, Brooklyn, from his former home in Christopher street, this borough, laid claim to the jewelry late last night. He was unable to describe it accurately, and was told that if he appeared before the property clerk in Brooklyn to-morrow, and proved ownership, the stuff would be turned over to him. He said that the box dropped out of one of the moving vans.

## CHURCHILL, "BLENHEIM PUP."

That's What Astor's Paper Calls Under Secretary for Colonies.

LONDON, March 17.—Under Secretary for the Colonies, Winston Churchill has been the Government's mouthpiece in the House of Commons in regard to its South African policy. He has found the task one much to his liking. What the Opposition think of him may be gathered from an amazing editorial in the Pall Mall Gazette.

It is unnecessary to quote from the article. Its heading and concluding sentence will suffice. Its caption is "The Blenheim Pup," and it concludes as follows:

"Lord Elgin, the Colonial Secretary, had hardly better try to correct his Blenheim pup. The animal is not clean in the House."

Such language in a political controversy is without precedent in a reputable English paper of modern times, and it is so foreign to the usual staid dignity of the Pall Mall Gazette that it is impossible not to conclude that it must have been written by the proprietor himself or his direction. The proprietor of the Pall Mall Gazette is William Waldorf Astor.

## THOUGHT HE'D SWIM TO FORT LEE.

Drifter From A. O. H. Hall Changed His Mind When He Struck Water.

JERSEY, N. J., March 17.—A man here yesterday, paraded with the St. Patrick's parade and then went to the ball of the A. O. H. at Sulzer's Harlem River Park. He started for home about 9:30 o'clock last night, boarding the Fort Lee ferryboat Edgewater at the foot of West 130th street.

He fretted because the boat did not leave at once, and finally walked out and announced that he was going to swim across. He changed his mind when he struck the chilly water and shouted for help. The flood tide carried him several blocks up the river, when he was rescued by James Riley, a watchman on the 134th street pier.

He was taken to the J. Flood Wright Hospital in bad shape.

## DOESN'T ACCUSE TULLY.

### Tillinghast Says This Court Clerk Never Put Him on a Jury.

At the investigation before Chief Clerk Tom Smith of the City Court into the charges connecting Edward G. Tully, a City Court clerk, with the jury fixing scandal William H. Tillinghast failed to corroborate the charges.

Tillinghast, who was sent to Blackwell's Island on his plea of guilty to the charge of personating a salesman, was brought down to testify.

The charges against Tully specify that he as clerk of the court called Tillinghast as a juror six times when Tillinghast's name was not on the panel.

Tillinghast testified yesterday that he had never had any dealings with Tully save once, when, he said, Stanley Bagley of the Metropolitan's secret service bureau sent him to see the clerk.

"I told him Mr. Bagley wanted me to get on a jury in a certain case," said Tillinghast. "He answered that the Metropolitan people had not treated him or the other court attaches well enough to warrant his granting my request. I took that answer back to Bagley and he said he didn't believe Tully."

Tillinghast then made some statements reflecting on Alexander Smith, a Supreme Court clerk. Smith, he said, urged him to stick to the Metropolitan. On one occasion, he said, Smith called with him at 621 Broadway, where the company had offices, and after a trip upstairs came down with \$25 for Tillinghast. For that money, Tillinghast said, he served the company's interests "as best he could."

Tully, who is a veteran, took the stand and denied flatly that he had ever had any dealings with Tillinghast. He admitted knowing him, but insisted that he had never had anything to do with Tillinghast's jury service.

The examination continues Monday.

## HAVEN'T SENT FOR TEWKSBURY.

Police Waiting to See if the District Attorney's Office Wants Him Brought Here.

Inspector McLaughlin was asked yesterday what action was being taken by the Detective Bureau in regard to the arrest of Lewis G. Tewksbury in Philadelphia on Thursday night on an order from the New York police.

"There is a bench warrant on our books for the arrest of Tewksbury, and when I heard he was in Philadelphia we had the police arrest him. What is to be done with him is the business of the District Attorney. If the District Attorney's people want they will notify us and we will then send for him. No one has gone to Philadelphia to bring him here yet."

PHILADELPHIA, March 17.—Inclined at first to blame a woman for his arrest, Lewis G. Tewksbury is to-day of opinion that the police were set upon him by real estate men who wished to interrupt a transaction he had under way here.

He took his detention at Movamensing quietly, believing that he is certain to be released Monday. His friends say that the New York authorities will find that his arrest was ordered under an indictment that should have been quashed.

Tewksbury had entered into business in New York two months ago when he made a flying trip to Philadelphia and had his attention attracted by the old Bellevue property. "Why in the world is that building not occupied?" he asked members of the Bellevue-Stratford management.

After learning that the building might be idle for some time he cancelled his New York plans and jumped into the promotion of a building upon the property that was to be a sort of combination of Delmonico's and the home of an Indian Prince.

Despite his arrest Tewksbury is by no means hopeless of being able to carry his project through.

## REAPPORTIONMENT CIPHERING.

Republican County Committee to Make Recommendations.

President Herbert Parsons of the Republican county committee announced yesterday the appointment of this committee to prepare a plan on reapportionment of the Senate and Assembly districts. William C. Wilson, leader of the Twenty-seventh district, chairman; W. H. Ten Eyck of the Thirty-fifth, John S. Shea of the Second, Senator Alfred R. Page of the Thirty-first, Abe Gruber of the Twenty-first, John P. Windolph of the Eleventh and Charles S. Adler of the Eighth. The committee held a meeting yesterday and decided upon a plan of procedure. They will begin immediately to study the changes in the city's population, to prepare maps and boundary lines for the making of recommendations to the Legislature, which fixes the lines of the Senate districts, and to the Aldermen, who will lay out the new Assembly districts.

There will be radical alterations in the boundaries of the present Assembly districts in this county. Because of the trend of population uptown since the last reapportionment, it is expected that the Territory south of Fourteenth street will see at least five districts, which will be added to the division above Fourteenth street.

## CAN YOU SPEAK ESPERANTO?

English Clerkship Candidates Must Learn Proposed Universal Language.

LONDON, March 17.—Esperanto, the proposed universal language, has just achieved its most notable triumph in Great Britain. It is now recognized as language by the London Chamber of Commerce, whose commercial educational department has included it in the list of subjects for examination. The rules of examination will be the same as those in regard to French, German and Spanish, comprising translations, an essay, a dictation test and colloquial fitness by conversation.

The London Chamber of Commerce instituted its education department sixteen years ago in order to fit English clerks for competition with foreigners, on the ground that English merchants prefer properly educated clerks if they can get them properly educated. Since the first junior examination the number of candidates has risen from 65 to 2,725 last year, and since the first senior examination from 17 to 2,385.

## DANISH HEIRESS, AHOY!

Gets Diploma as Pilot and Will Sail Her Own Yacht in the Kiel Regatta.

BERLIN, March 17.—Hanna Thiele, a young Danish heiress, recently obtained a diploma as a pilot at Copenhagen. She will sail her own yacht in the Kiel Regatta. This will be the first time a woman skipper ever took part in these races.

## NEW AMBASSADOR TO AUSTRIA.

### BELLAMY STORER TO RETIRE FROM DIPLOMATIC SERVICE.

His Differences With the President Growing Out of the President's Refusal to Transfer Him to a More Prominent European Post—Nomination To-morrow.

WASHINGTON, March 17.—The President will send to the Senate on Monday the nomination of an Ambassador to Austria-Hungary to succeed Bellamy Storer of Ohio.

A friendship dating back to the early '90s, when Mr. Storer was a Civil Service Commissioner and Mr. Storer a Member of Congress, existed between the President and his Ambassador to Vienna, and it was more on account of this friendship than for any other reason that Mr. Storer was appointed to the highest grade in the diplomatic service. Previous to that, by appointment of President McKinley, he had been Minister to Belgium and Minister to Spain.

The grounds of difference which have resulted in severance of Mr. Storer's official connection with the Government were due primarily to reasons of the President for not granting Mr. Storer's desire to be transferred to another European diplomatic post of equal rank but greater prominence.

Mr. Storer has been in Europe as a diplomatic representative of the United States for nearly nine years. President McKinley, an old friend with whom Mr. Storer had served in Congress, made him Minister to Belgium in May, 1897, and he had served at Brussels for nearly two years when appointed Minister to Spain.

When Mr. Storer was nominated for the Belgian mission it was reported that President McKinley had had great difficulty in persuading Senator Foraker of Ohio, between whom and Mr. Storer strained relations had existed for a long time, to consent to the appointment.

Mr. Storer remained at Madrid from April, 1899, to September, 1902, when, by the act of President Roosevelt, he became the American Ambassador at Vienna, the position which he is now to relinquish.

Mr. Storer was born in Cincinnati in 1847, was graduated from Harvard in 1867, was admitted to the bar two years later and practised law in his native city. He served as the Representative in Congress of the First Ohio district from 1891 to 1895, and after being out of public life for two years entered the diplomatic service.

## ANOTHER STEUNBERG ARREST.

Fight of Meyer and His Associates to Set Aside the Indictment Falls.

CALIFORNIA, March 17.—A telegram from Oakland, Idaho, says that J. L. Simpkins, a member of the executive committee of the Western Federation of Miners, has been arrested near that place. An officer has gone to Oakland to identify and bring in the prisoner. Simpkins is wanted for complicity in the assassination of Gov. Frank Steunberg.

In the District Court here this morning attorneys for Meyer, Haywood and Pettibone made a determined fight to set aside the indictment returned by the Grand Jury. The Court overruled each motion. A motion that the defendants be admitted to bail will be decided next Tuesday.

MONTROSE, Col., March 17.—Sheriff Rutan arrived here to-day from Idaho with Vincent St. John, former president of the miners' union, who is indicted for murder. Sheriff Rutan says he has no fear of mob violence, believing that the people of Telluride will await the action of the courts in St. John's case, but St. John is almost palsied with fear, believing he will be lynched as soon as he reaches Telluride to-morrow.

## PINNED BETWEEN TWO CARS.

Conductor Caught While Adjusting the Trolley Pole—Motorman Hurt.

Something went wrong with the trolley pole on a Court street car as it was crossing the Brooklyn Bridge yesterday afternoon about one hundred feet from the Manhattan end, on the south roadway. The conductor, Arthur Duffy, couldn't fix it, and summoned two electricians. The electricians climbed to the top of the car and instructed Duffy to hold the rope attached to the pole, and pull the pole down so that they could reach the top of it. Duffy stood back of the car with the rope in his hand.

A Bergen street trolley car in charge of Motorman David Siegel came along back of the stalled car, smashed into it, caught Duffy and crushed his leg.

Women in the two cars pinned at the sight and the motorman of the Bergen street car was pitched over the front of the car and lay unconscious in the roadway, leaving Duffy pinned.

Policeman Tighe backed the Brooklyn car away. Duffy's leg had been broken and Siegel was in a serious condition from shock.

The accident blocked the cars for over an hour.

## FIRE IN MOVING CAR.

Burning Match Sets Umbrella's Celluloid Handle Ablaze.

MONTCLAIR, N. J., March 17.—Montclair commuters who were aboard the 8 o'clock train from Chambers street on the Greenwood Lake division of the Erie Railroad last night are relating an incident that occurred in the smoking car shortly after the train left Forest Hill. A Montclairite was dozing in one of the rear seats when suddenly he awoke and leaped into the aisle with a cry. The other passengers saw a sheet of flame arise to the roof of the car, and in a moment every passenger was making frantic efforts to extinguish the flames, which were confined to the commuter's umbrella and several copies of the evening papers.

The smell of burning celluloid permeated the car. Finally the umbrella was hurled through an open window, while the fire in the papers was stamped out. The commuter said he had lit a cigar shortly after the train left Arlington and had thrown the match to the floor, where it must have ignited the celluloid handle of his umbrella. The commuter left the train at the Walnut street station.

## DEWEY'S "BRUT CUVÉE" CHAMPAGNE.

Dr. Dewey's Best French Brandy, which is Dewey & Sons Co., 189 Fulton St., New York.

## THIRTY OR FORTY KILLED?

### Report That a Train on a Trestle Was Caught by a Snowslide.

DENVER, Col., March 17.—A telephone message from Silverton, in the San Juan mining region of southwestern Colorado, says a rumor has reached there that a passenger train on the Rio Grande Southern road has been thrown from the track by a snow slide and thirty or forty people killed.

The disaster is said to have occurred on what is known as the Ophir Loop, where the train, while on a trestle, was struck by the avalanche and tumbled into the gulch.

The nearest point to which a telegraph wire has been working late is Telluride. This line broke down at 10 P. M., but just before that the operator said he had been receiving messages from surrounding points all the evening and had heard nothing of a wreck.

It will probably be impossible to verify or authoritatively deny the report to-night, owing to the breaking of wires throughout that region by the heavy snowstorm which has been raging for a week and is not over.

## NIECE OF CARNEGIE ROBBED.

Mrs. James C. Greenway Loses Jewels on Trip to Augusta.

Augusta, Ga., March 17.—Mrs. James C. Greenway, a niece of Andrew Carnegie, came to Augusta from Jersey City direct in a private car and upon her arrival here went to the Hampton Terrace Hotel. Two days after her arrival she had occasion to open her jewel case, and discovered that nearly all of her valuable trinkets were missing.

The bag had not been out of her possession except for a few minutes while on the rear of the Pullman car bidding friends good-by and she at once suspected the porter. The city detectives got the trail of the negro and learned that he had pawned a loose diamond worth over \$200 for \$20 with another negro. His arrest followed.

Many of the jewels have not yet been recovered.

## JOKE WAS ON THE STOWAWAY.

Passage Back for Him Engaged in Mideast by Wireless.

The steamship Allianza of the Panama Railroad Company, when 150 miles out from New York yesterday, sent a story ashore by wireless which is calculated to discourage ocean stowaways.

The other day at Colon a Frenchman smuggled himself aboard the Allianza in the effort to get a free